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RE: Public Comment in the matter of the application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the SolarReserve, LLC  
(Docket No. L-OOOOORR-10-0429-00156 & L-OOOOORR-10-0428-00155)

Dear Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Members,

The Arizona Contractors Association (ACA) is the state's largest association consisting of commercial & residential general contractors, subcontractors of all trades, material suppliers, architects, engineers, developers, and industry service providers, union and non-union. Going on our 55<sup>th</sup> year as statewide association, we would like to encourage you to assist in creating an environment of good faith efforts based on open and reasonable dialogue between all parties directly involved in the above docketed case.

As all of you are aware, the Arizona construction industry has suffered greatly, more than any other Arizona industries. With construction unemployment greater than 20 percent in some areas, it is critical that local workers benefit from the large-scale renewable projects being proposed in Arizona.

ACA firmly believes that when reasonable parties sit down to address important issues such as having an opportunity and the assurances to provide jobs within our state with preference given to local and state residents, that reasonable parties will arrive at reasonable conclusions.

ACA encourages the committee to take whatever actions the committee feels are within their authority to establish preference and priority to Arizona construction workers as it relates to large-scale renewable projects. In addition we encourage the committee to establish ongoing workforce monitoring practices in order to measure the effects included in condition 28 found in Case 151 Hualapai Valley Solar.

ACA also supports a comprehensive training and re-training programs to assist Arizona workers who may be in occupational transition and therefore providing opportunities to these individuals to learn and enhance construction trade skills. Now may be the opportunity to educate, train and motivate a new Arizona generation with craft skills so desperately needed in this state. This will help build and rebuild our infrastructure. To accomplish these goals requires vision, action and a strong commitment from all who desire a better Arizona.

The language in CEC, paragraph 28 appears to be very much in line with our encouragements and should serve well toward utilization of qualified local and state non-union and union construction workers.

I would like to urge the Arizona Line Siting Committee to include condition 28 found in Case 151 – Hualapai Valley Solar. This language will go a long way in protecting local jobs and helping rebuild Arizona's struggling construction industry. Thank you for your consideration.

If I or representation from the Arizona Contractors Association can assist in these efforts please feel free to request our assistance.

Sincerely,

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